

MAYOR APPEALS TO RESIDENTS TO HELP RECRUITING DRIVE

ISSUES PROCLAMATION POINTING OUT ADVANTAGES WHICH GO WITH ENLISTMENT IN UNCLE SAM'S PEACE-TIME ARMY.

MAYOR AIDS RECRUITING.

Whereas, Several hundred patriotic citizens of this city rendered valuable service to the country during the great war, and such men who have served in the army and navy have returned to their homes and civilian occupations possessing a wider outlook upon life, gained from their remarkable experience; and, Whereas, The War Department because of the discharge of a large number of men called to the service during the emergency of the war, is now desirous of securing recruits to fill up the ranks of existing units of the army; and, Whereas, It is the policy of the War Department to enable men serving in the army to undertake studies or the learning of various trades which will improve their educational facilities and increase their earning capacity after discharge, permitting young men to voluntarily improve their capacity for good citizenship by enlisting in the army; I, therefore, respectfully call attention, for the benefit of the people of this city, to the educational opportunities afforded by service in the army at this time and believe that young men not yet committed to any profession or trade can profitably spend an enlistment undergoing military training and study in the army.

GEORGE V. B. WEEKS, Mayor.

All Ottawa will be called upon to assist in gaining recruits for Uncle Sam next week, when a recruiting train from Camp Grant takes over the city for several days. Mayor George V. B. Weeks has issued the proclamation printed above, calling attention to the educational advantages gained by training and service in the army. The party of officers will arrive in Ottawa on Monday morning and remain here for one week, giving residents of the city knowledge of the training schools and educational advantages the Yanks receive in times of peace.

The train will be composed of several army trucks from Camp Grant and a large, honest-to-goodness war tank, which will give exhibits at intervals during the week, of leaps, dips and every other maneuver known to tankdom. Arrangements will probably be made to display some very interesting films of the A. E. F. in action overseas, free to the people of the city.

The new Mers garage on Columbus street, will be the central headquarters of the party during their stay in Ottawa, and a recruiting station will be opened there as soon as the party reaches here. The program of attractions planned in connection with the week's work, will be printed in the Free Trader-Journal as soon as the officers in charge of the train complete their local arrangements.

LIBRARY EXPERT TO SPEAK IN OTTAWA

Miss Mary Ellen Allen, editor for twenty-three years of the magazine "Public Libraries" and publicity director of the American Library association in France during the war, will address the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Congregational church parlors. In the evening she will talk to the trustees at Roddick's library.

Miss Allen, who was librarian of the Indiana State Library and organized the Indiana Library association, founded the library department of the National Educational association. She is a well known figure at state and national conventions and is a member of the lecture faculty of most of the library schools of the country. She is also a member of various Chicago clubs and organizations. In all matters pertaining to library work she is considered an authority. While in France her work took her over the greater part of the western front and her account of her experiences is extremely interesting.

As a speaker Miss Allen is very interesting. She has a pleasing personality and a sense of humor that never fails. She enters into any work or undertaking with a great deal of vim and enthusiasm.

NAB 4 FOR BLOWING UP U. S. CONSULATE

(By the Associated Press.)

Berne, March 6. Four suspects have been arrested in connection with the bombing of the American consulate at Zurich. They were attempting to cross into Austria.

Philanthropic Department Will hold a meeting next Wednesday with Mrs. W. A. Warriner.

FOR SALE—Neat 6-room cottage; all modern; west side. Also modern 7-room house north side; also a 6-room house for rent. W. B. PUSEY, Real Estate and Insurance, Clarendon Bldg., Ottawa.

NOTICE.

As the Weekly Fair Dealer is now merged with the Free Trader-Journal, all bills due the Fair Dealer are now due and should be paid at once. Any one having an account against the Fair Dealer or myself should mail it to me now.

G. A. CROWDEN.

LOCAL NEWS



M. J. Flanagan has returned to his home in East Ottawa after a week's business trip through the central part of the state.

John C. Fraser of the Flanagan-Irion Company went to Chicago yesterday to spend the week end visiting relatives.

John Roemer, who purchased a store at Delevan, Ill., a few weeks ago, returned to that city today after spending several days with his wife in this city. Mrs. Roemer will go to Delevan to make her future home next week.

Mrs. Walter Greene and Mrs. Kate Brett will leave for Streator Sunday morning to meet their mother, Mrs. Theresa Bennett, and grandson, Ralph Brett, who spent the winter months with the former's daughters, Mrs. John Anderson and Mrs. Ernest Esholdt, in Los Angeles, Cal.

Leon Richards was a Marseilles visitor last evening.

Miss Gladys Green of Dayton was an Ottawa visitor today.

Miss Polly Cassidy was a Marseilles visitor last evening.

Mathew Waite of Ohio is spending the week end with his mother, Mrs. Mary White, on Clinton street.

Mrs. John Dawson of Marseilles was an Ottawa visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Funk of West Ottawa went to Chicago this morning to spend the week end with relatives.

Walter Warren of the T. Lacey Dry Goods Company has accepted a position as window decorator with a large department store in Monmouth.

Miss Ellen McCormick of Seneca was an Ottawa visitor yesterday.

John Carey, who has been employed at the Lucey dry goods store, has accepted a position at the Sanders Brothers' Manufacturing Company.

James Morgan visited friends in Marseilles last evening.

Elmer Hitter visited friends in Streator last evening.

C. E. Bruske of the Zeller Inn went to Chicago this morning to spend the week end with friends.

Orville Mottaz visited friends in Marseilles last evening.

Miss Louise Dawson of South Ottawa went to Marseilles today to spend the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Anna White, 722 Chestnut street, went to Rock Island this morning to spend the week end visiting friends.

Charles Ainsley was a Marseilles visitor last evening.

Miss Irene and Ann Keleher of Columbus street will spend the week end visiting friends in Chicago.

DIMMICK.

Mrs. Henry Kentzer was a Monday visitor Thursday.

Frank Billesbach was a Thursday visitor near Princeton.

Miss Helen Kentzer was a Tray Grove visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Kentzer was a Friday visitor in Spring Valley.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flaherty near Ladd, a baby boy.

George Lamps, of Mendota, is a Dimmick visitor this week.

Miss Helen Kentzer is taking care of Mrs. Huntley and baby.

Miss Vera Pottinger spent Sunday afternoon with Dimmick friends.

Peter Trost of Peru spent Saturday and Sunday at the Billesbach home.

Mrs. Lena Wittehoft has recovered from her recent attack of the grip.

William and Vince Lyons were visitors near Arlington Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Huntley are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

Mrs. Charles Straut and son, Ray, were Ottawa business callers last week.

Miss Helen Johnson, of Chicago, is spending a few days at the Maher home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cogsdale and family have moved into the Martin Dayle house.

Dan and John Casey have moved into the house recently vacated by Peter Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weldon announce the arrival of a baby boy born Saturday.

Charles Pantenburg returned home from a few days' stay with Chicago friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kentzer, of Chicago, are business visitors in this vicinity.

Misses Alice and Alva Pottinger, of Vernal, Utah, have recovered from an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Munro and daughter, Evelyn, were Sunday evening callers in Spring Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schaefer from south of LaSalle moved into the house recently vacated by Chas. Weerts.

Mrs. F. L. Monroe returned to her home in River Forest after a pleasant visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Claude Brooker.

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CON CON PRESIDENT PREDICTS DEFEAT OF CHICAGO HOBBY

(Continued from page 1.)

created to fairly tax notes and mortgages but with no idea of taxing all the income and benefits derived from the holders of those notes and mortgages. Mr. Brooks said he believed some more equitable means of taxation than now used, could be created to obtain more effective results. Mr. Clauden asked Mr. Woodward to have printed in the dailies of Ottawa a Minnesota tax commission's report showing the workings of a new system of taxation in operation in that state.

W. R. Foster, as usual, did a little keynoting and hit a popular chord when he said every man in Illinois should pay his proportionate share of the expenses of operating the state government. He recommended a tax on all voters, and a fine against every man who refused, or neglected to exercise his right of franchise. He said a stated sum should be fixed for voting and that amount greatly enlarged where men ignored their duties and did not go to the polls on election day. Mr. Foster was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his brief speech.

Mr. Williams of Streator thought a state income tax would be double taxation and that should be carefully avoided. Mr. Saunders approved the plan for taxing all mortgages and trust deeds one-half of one per cent and paying the amounts to the record when the instruments were filed, the tax to cover the life of the instrument. Senator Essington admitted Illinois' taxing laws in need of a lot of changes. He said he believed, however, that the proposition was one for the legislature to deal with, and was not of much concern to the constitutional convention.

Mr. Woodward's Speech.

Mr. Woodward expressed regret that Mr. Rothman could not be present. Mr. Rothman, he informed his audience, was an expert not only in the technique, but in the philosophy of taxation.

The speaker did not profess to be familiar with the complicated problem entering into tax laws. He stated, however, that for the purpose of the constitutional convention he conceived that taxation should be considered principally in its broad, general and large aspects; that the constitution should not go into refinement of detail on this or on any other subject.

This lead the speaker to a discussion of a popular misconception of the function and province of a constitutional convention. Before the convention was called, many old newspapers of the state started to spread insidious propaganda to poison the minds of the people against the work of the convention. This propaganda he stated was for the purpose of poisoning the public mind against the work of the convention in that it was apparent that the convention would never surrender to autocratic and unwise rule.

In the judgment of the speaker, the convention was called to adopt the I. & R., particularly in the form advocated by the proponents of the measure.

He then wanted his audience to grasp clearly the distinction between legislative and constitutional matters. He illustrated the distinction by stating, in the first place, what is not the province of constitutions. He stated that constitutions properly should contain the prevailing doctrines relating to humanitarian, social and economic subjects; that the prevailing opinion on those subjects depended upon the condition of society; that social forces are not stable, but are always fluid; that the social and economic opinions of today are not the social or economic opinions of yesterday or of tomorrow; that the constitution must be so framed that the government may at any time be in position to respond to social and economic views. He stated, therefore, that the public must not look to the constitution for anything on workmen's compensation, the eight hour law, minimum wage, high-heeled shoes or any similar social or humanitarian legislation.

He stated that the guiding and leading principles back of constitution making, a constitution, he said, should contain only the great master truths of politics; that it should contain only those elemental principles and maxims under which governmental powers are exercised; that a constitution should not be utilized as an experiment station or as a laboratory to test out social or political theories, but should contain only those principles, which through a long series of years, have been demonstrated to be successful and to be necessary for the protection of the people in their natural and inherent rights as individuals, and to protect them against any arbitrary act on the part of any officer or department of the government. This then is the constitution must always contain a bill of rights protecting life, liberty and property, assuring the freedom of the press, the freedom of worship, the right to a grand jury, the right of the accused in criminal cases, the sacredness of the obligation of contracts, the right of peaceable assembly and other fundamental rights which are the heritage of centuries of struggle on the part of the English speaking nations. He then stated that the government should be so organized into its three departments, coordinated but independent, the one serving as a check on the other for the prevention of arbitrary power.

The general principles above alluded to and discussed were applicable to the subject of taxation. The state legislature he said was the repository of all sovereign power and, except as limited by constitutions, could discharge any legislative function. Taxation is an attribute, and incident of sovereignty. Without some restriction or limitation in the state constitution, the legislature may pass any revenue law which it pleases, subject only to the equal protection of the laws and to the due process of law clause of the constitution of the United States. The question then is, is it wise and expedient for the state constitution to limit the legislature upon the subject of taxation?

He then stated that, with few exceptions, states had found it necessary to limit its legislature on that subject. Illinois has done so in each of its constitutions. It has established

SOLDIER HUSBAND IS GIVEN CUSTODY OF TWO CHILDREN

VAN CRAEN CASE IS GIVEN ANOTHER CHAPTER OF SENSATIONAL EVENTS IN CIRCUIT COURT—SETTLEMENT CAUSES MOTHER TO RELINQUISH RIGHTS TO HER OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

Another chapter in the marital woes of Peter Joseph Van Craen and his former wife, now Mrs. Mary Van Baydalek of La Salle was added to the records of the Circuit Court this morning, when Van Craen was awarded the custody of his two children, Charles, aged 13 and Laura, aged 12, by Judge Eldredge, and two suits started by Van Craen against Mrs. Baydalek and her husband, John Baydalek, last week were dropped. The two kiddies who created such a scene on February 16th, when the mother secured possession of them, by their loud lamentations and apparent grief, presented a marked contrast today to their previous court room appearance. Their faces radiated with joy when the judge signed the decree and they lovingly clung to their father.

The first chapter of the Van Craen case took place on January 13, 1916 when the wife appeared in court and secured a divorce from the husband who was a soldier in the Canadian army. She claimed that she did not know where he was at the time and was awarded the custody of their children.

On February 13 of this year Mrs. Van Craen started habeas corpus proceedings to get her little son and daughter from their mother and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Craen of La Salle, she claimed that the children went to live with their uncle during the flu epidemic of 1918 and that when she was ready to take them again they refused to part with the boy and girl. The case was heard on February 16th.

Judge Eldredge ordered the children to go with their mother, which evoked a storm of grief from the youngsters. They screamed, fought and clawed, and tried several times to escape from the woman who had borne them and called loudly for their aunt after she left the court house.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Craen denied that they were keeping the children from their mother and declared that they refused to go to live with her.

The next day Mrs. Van Craen and Baydalek were married.

Last Friday Van Craen started proceedings against his wife, charging her with securing a divorce by fraud and with knowing where he was and receiving a government allotment from his army pay at the time she appeared in court and won her freedom.

He claimed that she did not inform him of the suit until ten months after she received it.

The same day he started a suit asking \$1000 for the alienation of his wife's affections from Maydalek.

After the filing of the suit a compromise was reached whereby the mother relinquished the claims on the youngsters and the suits against herself and her husband of a few weeks were dropped.

It is said that after the children were taken back by their mother to La Salle they ran away from home and returned to their uncle where they have since resided.

Van Craen was wounded while fighting overseas and returned to Canada in the fall of 1918. He did not secure his discharge from the army until April, 1919, and declared in his bill that he had since been working to secure funds to regain possession of Charles and Laura.

Ottawa Woman's Club.

Open meeting on Tuesday afternoon March 9, at Congregational church parlors.

Notice.

The Daughters of Loyalists will meet Tuesday evening, March 9, in the Y. of C. Hall. All members are requested to be present.

ed, as a limitation on legislative power, the general property tax under which all kinds of property, tangible and intangible, must pay a tax in accordance with value. This rule he said is regarded as inapplicable to our present conditions and also made it a society in which all property was tangible, visible property. The kinds of property have rapidly changed, so that the great bulk of value is now intangibles, represented by notes, bonds, stocks, patent rights, copyrights, franchises and property of like nature. The present rule has broken down and is unworkable.

He summarized as follows the problems which confront the convention: (1) Shall the present rule of taxation be continued; or

(2) Should the legislature be left free, in the development of government and science of taxation, to set up various other systems?

The other rules of taxation which has met with considerable success in eighteen or twenty states is that of permitting the legislature to classify property and to provide for a taxation uniform as to each class. Wherever adopted this system has proven successful which is the rule, he stated, which seems to be receiving the approval of the majority of the delegates to the constitutional convention.

He then referred briefly to the Minnesota experience. The policy of the propriety of an income tax was suggested by the speaker for the consideration of the audience, but the speaker suggested that it was wise to consider some limitation upon the power of the legislature in the enactment of income tax laws.



Mrs. William Hossack entertained the members of the St. Francis Sewing Circle on Thursday afternoon at her home on West Jackson street. Twenty ladies were in attendance. The afternoon was spent in sewing, and dainty refreshments were served at a late hour by the hostess.

Miss Sadie Hall, whose marriage to Dr. W. M. Hall of Wichita, Kan., will take place next week, was the guest of honor at a delightful party given last evening by the Daughters of Deceas Circle at the home of Miss Mary Acton on Clinton street. Four tables of luncheon were played during the evening after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Misses Louise Watman and Laura Holder were awarded the guest favors, and Miss Hall was presented with a handsome set of table linen.

Mrs. Mary Elzer of Phelps street entertained sixteen boys and girls yesterday afternoon at a birthday party in honor of her daughter Louise. The children played games, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, candy and cookies were served. A birthday cake containing ten candles and the name of the little hostess was one of the features of the luncheon. Louise received many very handsome gifts.

The ladies of the First Methodist church held an all-day sewing yesterday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts on Christie street. In the morning the ladies sewed on baby clothes for the hospital, after which a delicious picnic luncheon was served to forty guests. In the afternoon Mrs. Charles Campbell read a very interesting missionary paper entitled "The Crusade of Compassion." The next meeting of the organization will be held on April 2 at the home of Mrs. J. R. Bradley in East Ottawa. Mrs. J. A. Hanna will have a paper on "Africa and the Promise of the Future."

The 213 American built Deltaland planes sent to France, he said, "might be used for light day bombing." He said these planes "were awkward and dangerous" in service.

Criticism of the airplane lumber production in the Pacific northwest was made by Mr. Mayge who argued that if experienced lumbermen of that locality had been organized all the lumber needed "would have been produced at moderate cost."

"Those placed in authority in the northwest by the war department," he said, "not only had no experience in the lumber business but they were arrogant, autocratic and operated wholly regardless of law and authority."

"The Liberty motor" he said, "was the only achievement of merit of the American aircraft service in the United States."

The present chaotic upheaval of the social condition, is invited to hear this earnest, sincere message from one who believes.

Sunday

7:30

Box Stationery Special

A delayed shipment of box stationery has just arrived. This stationery was bought for November delivery to be sold during the holidays but has just arrived, and will be placed on sale at the special price of 25 cents a box.

White Goods

Our new white goods for spring and summer have just arrived and been placed in stock, so if you are in the need of white goods we would advise you to make your selections early, before the stocks are broken.

Promenade Suits, a cloth suitable for that extra skirt—36 inches wide. Priced at 79c a yard.

We have several different grades of Gaberdine—36 inches wide. Ranging in price from 75c to \$1.25 a yard.

Repp Cloth, a beautiful fabric for ladies' and children's dresses and boys' blouses—36 inches wide. Priced at 75c a yard.

Fine White Madras for men's shirts and blouses—36 inches wide. At 75c per yard.

White Flaxon, a sheer material for ladies' and children's dresses—36 inches wide. Priced at 59c a yard.

Several different grades of White Organdies, ranging in price from 50c a yard upwards.

A wide range of White Voiles—36 inches wide, ranging in price from 50c a yard upwards.

Novelty Lace Voile, a beautiful fabric in several patterns—35 inches wide. At \$1.00 per yard.

Crochet Cotton

Crochet Cottons have been very scarce and hard to get, but we now have in stock a full line of Clark's O. N. T. and Coat's Mercantile in all numbers from 1 to 100.

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Our Middies are made of exceptionally good Jean and Indian head, in all white or with colored trimming, with a complete line of sizes for ladies, misses and children. Priced at \$1.75, \$1.98 and \$2.18.

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A FINE WESTERN PHOTOPLAY

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Sermon by G. W. Chessman

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